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of Cook County. The charge was openly made and unrefuted that he had betrayed the interests of his constituents in the most shameful manner, by voting against measures of the highest public benefit, and for these flagrant delinquencies the league had urged that he be retired from the law-making body of the State. Morris is notoriously unpopular among the colored people of Chicago, because of an insufferable egotism and the assumption of a bravado designed to conceal the actual emptiness and unreality of his character. He has posed and posed, but long ago his shallow claim to leadership among his fellows had been punctured by the shining lance of public scrutiny, and his efforts to appear large in the arena of affairs, have made him a laughing-stock in the eyes of those who appreciate the ridiculous and an object of scorn to the lovers of genuineness in word and deed.

Apart from Morris' ambition to wear the mantle of a Warwick in the politics of Cook County, his more pitiable exhibition of assiduity has been his attempt to attract attention as an opponent of Booker T. Washington, and an enemy to the vast work that is being done for the advancement of civilization at Tuskegee. It is an old dodge to get into public notice by throwing mud at the most luminous figure in the educational life of the race, and others have tried it, but neither they nor Morris have added to the credit side of their fame by the dishonorable tactics to which they have resorted. All the plaudits they have received come from a narrow clique of conspirators like themselves, whose jealousy of glittering success, based upon sterling worth, lead them to "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." To ingratiate himself into the favor of this unspeakable set in Washington—although the tribe is now practically extinct—and to bask in the limelight of vulgar comment, Morris betook himself to the nation's capital a few moons ago, and delivered himself of a harangue which he was pleased to label "Shams." Trading on a sometime headship of the Odd Fellows, and a titular standing as a lawyer of parts, he secured a hearing before Bethel Literary and Historical Association, and upon an amazed and disgusted audience of cultured and fair-minded people, Morris imposed a vile attack upon Booker Washington, characterizing the Wizard of Tuskegee as a "Sham" and denouncing industrial education as a delusion and a snare. Those who keep in touch with current history will remember the unmerciful flaying that Morris received on that fateful night at the hands of leaders of thought who not only believed in standing up for a useful worker for the race but realized that only in the repudiation of Morris and his poisoned arrows could the lofty reputation of the society be maintained. The lash was so vigorously wielded by grand old Gov. Pinchback and others that Morris returned to Chicago a sadder, but a wiser man. All of the social flummies his friends could devise did not relieve the smarting of his wounds nor obliterate the fact that he was a discredited sojourner, whose room was better than his company. The rebuke administered to the Chicago lawyer-politician was regarded as all the more merited because of Morris'

participation in the famous New York "peace conference" of educators and leaders, and his immediate violation in Washington of the secret compact entered into with earnest men, who deprecated the wasteful conflict of necessary and fundamental systems of race-building. Howbeit, Morris had no more to say of "shams" after being exposed as the veritable "high priest of the Ancient Order of Shams and Pretenders." Not long ago Morris, still sore, and seeking an opening to redeem his lost prestige in Washington, managed to get himself invited to speak at one of Howard University's commencements. It is safe to say that the subject of his remarks will not be "shams."

The great masses here are "strictly with" Booker T. Washington, and they are quick to resent anything said to his detriment. We have few enough constructive statesmen, and we cannot afford to pull down the acknowledged leader of them all. Mr. Washington's speeches in this city covered every point at issue on the race question and we are eminently satisfied with him, and stand ready to back him up "from a to izzard," in all that he says or does. The passing of Lawyer Morris is a sample of what will happen to others who refuse to faithfully reflect the sentiments of the people whom they aspire to lead. The people cannot be fooled all the time.

Yours for the race,

E. A. MARTIN.

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Commencement
College Trade School.—A Banner Year's Work.

Allegheny, Pa., Special.—This city was never so attractive, so healthy and in such good condition as it is now. The people are prosperous and happy and the schools are turning out graduates by the hundred. The Avery College Trade School is attracting a great deal of attention because of the great work done this year. Mr. W. A. Calhoun, formerly director of the Instrumental Music Department, at Wilberforce University, has now the entire charge of the musical department of Avery College, and already his work is bearing fruit.

The Class Night Entertainment in the church auditorium, took place Monday evening, May 23, when a most excellent program was rendered.

Avery College Trade School will reopen Monday, Sept. 15, 1904. In addition to its present curriculum, a department for practical nurse training will be opened. One of the wealthiest men in America has guaranteed expenses. An entire floor of the dormitory building has been set apart and this is now being re-modeled for the use of this department. The Allegheny Hospital will be used for practical training and observation.

The school has had one of its most successful years; six hundred students were enrolled and \$7,642 were distributed to the students, the proceeds from solicited work.

Mr. Joseph D. Mahoney, the secretary and treasurer, has determined to bring the school up to a high degree of efficiency.

WANTED, SINGERS!

Miss Bessie Hamilton, of Washington, D. C., Mr. Carlyle Williams, of Raleigh, N. C., and the friend suggested by him; Miss C. E. McClain, of Evansville, Indiana; Mr. J. H. Walker, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Essie Harris, of Washington, D. C., have been recommended to become members of the company now being organized by the undersigned to go to Melbourne, Australia, under conditions previously stated.

Each of the above mentioned will kindly confer with the undersigned immediately, regarding further arrangements.

All persons who have previously made application are also requested to renew the same at once, for should any of the above mentioned decline to go, or should more singers be needed, which now seems likely, preference will be given to those who have already applied, other conditions being favorable. All expenses paid from home to destination. Party to assemble in Washington, D. C., for training at once. Leaving the United States about June 20. All communications should be accompanied by postage for reply.

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THE PASSING OF DR. GRANDISON.

Word comes to us that Dr. C. M. Grandison, a well known divine and traveling evangelist, has, through habitual drink, lost standing in his church in Iowa, and has been sentenced to one year in the Hospital for Inebriates at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Dr. Grandison has been lecturing in Iowa for more than a year and was recently elected as writer and solicitor for the Buxton Gazette, but lost his position through his habits. Dr. Grandison is one of the best known orators in the country, and is well known in all parts of the south, east, north and west. At one time he was a strong temperance advocate, and not a few years ago, was known as "the Black Demosthenes," and the "Egyptian" orator.

Mr. Ernest Hogan, the unbleached American, will bring the Bogus Prince to the Empire Theatre next week, for a return engagement. Many new features have been added. Mr. Hogan will take the leading part.

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